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Report of the Board of Managers
OF THE
MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME

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AT COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA

For Years Ending Dec. 1st, 1915 and Dec. 1st, 1916

To the Honorable Samuel V. Stewart, Governor, and the Citizens of Montana:

The object of this publication is to give the citizens of Montana information concerning one of its leading institutions, the Montana Soldiers' Home, located at Columbia Falls, Montana.

This is the biennial report for the years 1915 and 1916, ending November 30, 1916.

The thanks of the management are hereby extended to Honorable Samuel V. Stewart, Governor of Montana, and the Fourteenth Legislative Assembly for the deep interest and courteous treatment at their hands received by this institution.

The thanks of the Board are also extended to Captain J. E. Sprague, Commandant 1915, and to Col. P. W. Sheehy, the present Commandant; Captain John S. Axtell, Adjutant; Dr. John T. Robinson, Surgeon; Chas. F. Joslin, former Engineer; Roy W. Allen, present Engineer; Rev. A. D. Welch, Chaplain, 1915, and the present Chaplain, Rev. Arthur W. Smith, and to the Matron, Mrs. Julia W. Sheehy.

All have performed the duties imposed upon them in a most satisfactory manner. The employees of the Home, both male and female, are complimented upon the thorough manner in which they have discharged their various duties.

AL. INGRAHAM, President,
CHARLES S. WARREN, Secretary,
W. H. CAMPBELL, M. D., Former Sec'y,
MARTIN MAGINNIS,
JAMES R. GOSS, G. A. R. Member, 1915,
G. I. REICHE, G. A. R. Member, 1916,
ARTHUR MORROW, M. D.,

Composing the Board of Managers Montana Soldiers' Home 1915-1916.

Dated at Columbia Falls, February 1, 1917.

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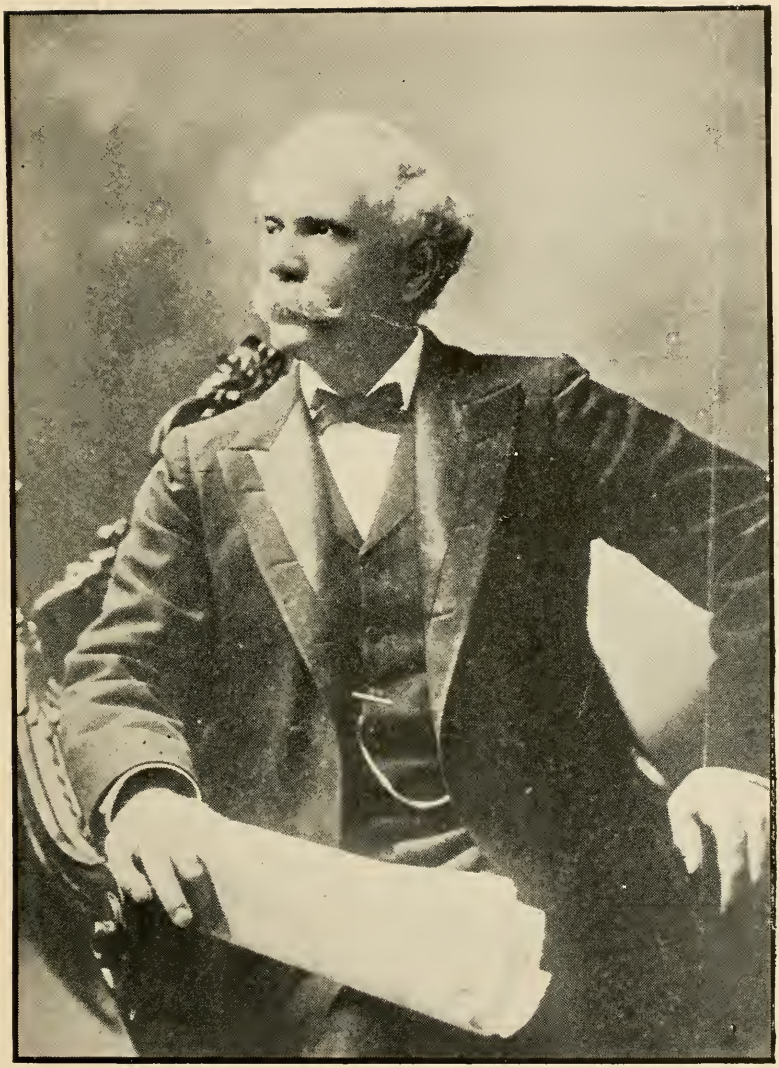
HON. SAMUEL V. STEWART
Governor of Montana



HON. J. E. RICKARDS
Governor of Montana, 1894-1898

BIENNIAL REPORT

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE

Montana Soldiers' Home

AT COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA

FOR THE YEARS 1915-1916

FOUR MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME BUILDINGS—LOOKING WEST

MAIN BUILDING

Under the law, the Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Montana, is an ex-Officio Member of the Board of Managers of the Montana Soldiers' Home during his term of office, and the following have served in that capacity:

Robert E. Fisk (dead)	1895
L. S. Wilson	1896
T. C. Davidson (dead)	1897
W. H. H. Dickinson (dead)	1898
C. B. Miller	1899
P. H. Manchester	1900
Frank P. Sterling (dead)	1901
A. N. Bull (dead)	1902
J. S. Wisner (dead)	1903
Henry N. Blake	1904
W. F. Sanders (dead)	1905
A. J. Fisk (dead)	1906
B. N. Beebe (dead)	1907
E. C. Kinney (dead)	1908
E. S. Pease (dead)	1909
R. G. Huston (dead)	1910
John J. Rohrbaugh	1911
W. Y. Smith	1912
P. W. Sheehy	1913
Edward L. Barnes	1914
James R. Goss	1915
G. I. Reiche	1916

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Act to establish, locate and maintain a Soldiers' Home in the State of Montana was approved March 18, 1895, and his Excellency John E. Rickards in due time appointed Hon. P. R. Dolman of Butte, C. P. Miller, M. D., of Helena; Ed. M. Ferris of Bozeman, and Lyman Loring as the first Board of Managers. R. E. Fisk was also a member of the Board by virtue of his office as Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the State of Montana.

The first meeting of the Board of Managers was held in Helena on May 7, 1895, at which time Hon. P. R. Dolman was elected President of the Board, and Dr. C. B. Miller was chosen Secretary and Treasurer.

The Act establishing the Home provided that proposals for sites should be made to the Board of Managers, and that no proposal should be considered that did not contemplate the giving to the State of Montana at least 40 acres of tillable land. Some fifteen offers of land and donations of money were filed in response to the advertisement, and on August 8, 1895, the Board of Managers accepted the offer of the Northern International Improvement Company of Columbia Falls, Montana. This offer included 160 acres of land, $3,100.00 in cash and the installation of boiler, engine, pumps and tanks.

On December 4, 1895, the Board met and advertised for plans for the first building, to be constructed at a cost not exceeding the sum of $10,000.00. On February 5, 1896, the plans and specifications of Mr. C. S. Haire were accepted. Bids for the completion of the building were requested, and on April 6, 1896, the bid of Mr. Fred Whiteside for the sum of $9,895.00 was accepted. The building was completed and accepted in due time.

On Memorial Day, May 30, 1896, the cornerstone was laid by Governor J. E. Rickards with appropriate ceremonies. A large crowd gathered from the surrounding country, and the occasion was patriotic and impressive. Governor Rickards made a splendid address as did other prominent citizens who were present. The present Secretary of this Board wrote to Governor Rickards asking for his photograph, which is included in this publication. The Governor replied to the Secretary as follows:

San Francisco, Cal.,
January 8, 1917.

My Dear General Warren:

I have pushed pressing work to one side to hasten to comply with your request for a photograph of myself for insertion in the report which the Board of Managers of Montana's Soldiers' Home wish to publish. I thank you for the implied compliment.

With pardonable pride, I may be allowed to say, I not only appointed the first Board of Managers, but was present at the laying of the cornerstone and made an address on that occasion.

And I may be allowed to say with some pride, it fell to my lot to sign every bill which located every one of the State's Public Institutions. That fact has always been of great interest to me, for such a distinction has fallen to few men. I hope the mere statement does not smack of immodesty.

When I have a more favorable opportunity, I shall take pleasure in replying to your kind letter. Just now I am overwhelmed with office work preparatory to a trip to Washington on official business.

With great respect, as ever,

Yours sincerely,

J. E. RICKARDS.

Hon. D. J. Hennessy donated the first flag for the Home, and at a meeting of the Board of Managers held on May 5, 1896, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Hennessy.

On August 4, 1896, Captain J. R. Hillman was made the unanimous choice for Commandant of the Home.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The application and recommendation of nine persons were presented to the Board and upon the vote of the Board were admitted to the Home.

Captain Hillman resigned his position as Commandant of the Home in the fall of 1902, and on the 2nd of December of that year, Captain H. S. Howell was elected in his stead. Captain Howell died at the Home on September 11, 1911, and Captain J. E. Sprague was chosen to succeed him.

The first meeting of the Board of Managers at the Home was held on May 6, 1897, and on June 17, 1897, the first application for membership was approved. Since the Home opened, over 500 veterans have been enrolled, and of this number 40 served in the Spanish-American war and three were Indian fighters during the years 1876-1877 in the Territory of Montana.

The law concerning "Who is eligible to membership" is so illy understood by those who may be admitted, and also by the officers of the several counties of the state, that the same are re-printed here.

The following is the law regarding admissions, passed by the 13th Legislative Assembly:

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana:

Section 1. That Sections 1290 and 1291 of the Political Code are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 1290. Who is eligible to admission. Any soldier, sailor, or marine who served in the army of the United States during the late "Civil War," or in the Mexican War, or in the late War with Spain, or who within the borders of the Territory of Montana, served in the Sioux War of 1876, or in the Nez Perce War of 1877, and received honorable discharge therefrom, who at the time of admission is an invalid by reason of disease contracted, wounds received, or by reason of other disability, shall be eligible to admission to the benefits of the home under the rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Managers thereof on the certificate of disability by a county commissioner and the county physician of the county in which the applicant may reside; and the transportation of such applicant to the said county if the applicant is unable to pay the same. Provided, that the benefits of said home shall not be extended to any one who has not resided within the State of Montana for a period of one year next preceding the date of his application, or to any one who has not resided within the county from which he asks to be sent to the home for the period of three months from the date of his application, nor to any one convicted of a felony or of a crime showing moral turpitude, nor shall any one who has been an habitual drunkard be received without sufficient evidence of subsequent good conduct and reformation of character as may be satisfactory to the said Board of Managers.

"Section 1291. The Board of Managers of the Soldiers Home is authorized and empowered to admit to the privileges of the Home, under such rules as the Board may prescribe, the wives or widows of soldiers or sailors who are inmates or who may be or may have been eligible to admission as inmates and who were married prior to the year 1902.

"Section 2. All Acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

"Section 3. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval."

Approved March 14, 1913.

As to the population of the Home, see report to the Governor.

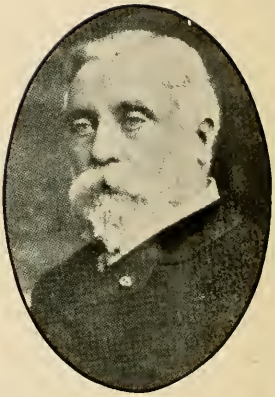
The buildings now in use are the Main Building, already referred to; the Administration Building, originally constructed for a hospital; the Women's Building, and the Hospital. These buildings are substantially built of brick and stone and concrete, two stories in height, with basement and are fully insured.

Columbia Falls, Montana, February 1, 1917.

HON. JAMES R. GOSS
G. A. R. Member

HON. CHARLES S. WARREN
Secretary

AL. INGRAHAM
President



HON. MARTIN MAGINNIS

W. H. CAMPBELL, M. D.

Board of Managers, 1915

BOARD OF MANAGERS

1915

President ..... Al. Ingraham
Secretary ..... W. H. Campbell, M. D.
Members ..... Hon. Martin Maginnis
Hon. Charles S. Warren
Hon. James R. Goss
(G. A. R. Member)

OFFICERS

Commandant ..... J. E. Sprague / P. W. Sheehy
Adjutant ..... John S. Axtell
Surgeon ..... John T. Robinson, M. D.
Chaplain ..... Rev. A. D. Welch
Engineer ..... Charles F. Joslin

BOARD OF MANAGERS

1916

President ..... Al. Ingraham
Secretary ..... W. H. Campbell, M. D. / Hon. Charles S. Warren
Members ..... Hon. Martin Maginnis
Arthur Morrow, M. D.
G. I. Reiche
(G. A. R. Member)

OFFICERS

Commandant ..... P. W. Sheehy
Adjutant ..... John S. Axtell
Surgeon ..... John T. Robinson, M. D.
Chaplain ..... Rev. Arthur W. Smith
Engineer ..... Roy W. Allen
Matron ..... Mrs. Julia W. Sheehy

JOHN T. ROBINSON, M. D.
Surgeon

JOHN S. AXTELL
Adjutant

CAPT. J. E. SPRAGUE
Commandant

REV. A. D. WELCH
Chaplain

C. F. JOSELIN
Engineer

Officers Montana Soldiers' Home, 1915

MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

FOR YEAR ENDING NOV. 30th, 1915

Columbia Falls, Montana,
November 29, 1915.

To His Excellency,
Hon. Samuel V. Stewart,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

The Board of Managers of the Montana Soldiers' Home have the honor to submit the following report of the affairs of this institution for the year ending November 30, 1915.

POPULATION.

On December 1, 1914, there were 86 members present and 17 absent, total, 103 members. During the year 31 members have been admitted and 19 have been re-admitted, a gain of 50 members. Twelve have died, ten have been discharged at their own request and the names of 19 have been dropped from the roll, a loss of 41 members. On Nov. 30, 1915, there were 99 members present and 13 absent, total 112 members, a net gain of nine for the year. During the time 80 members have been granted leave of absence and 84 have returned from furlough.

In addition to the above, Thomas Jefferson, a veteran of the Indian War of 1877, is a member of the Home. 17 of the 19 civilian employees are maintained at the Home.

A roster of the members and inmates, present and absent on this date, and a list of the names of those who have died during the year, is attached and made a part hereof.

EXHIBIT "A-1"

A Roster of the Members of the Montana Soldiers' Home, present and absent on November 30, 1915:

Ames, James J.	Co.	B 58 Penn. Inf.	Present
Adamson, Ferdinand	"	G 7 Iowa Cav.	"
Akers, William	"	A 154 N. Y. Inf.	"
Anderson, William	"	F 12 Mich. Inf.	Absent
Axtell, John S.	"	E 6 Mich. Cav.	Present
Beck, Benjamin F.	"	I 21 Penn. Cav.	"
Bailey, Mark W.	"	A 1 Maine Cav.	"
Bessette, Thomas D.	"	K 36 Wis. Inf.	"
Brower, John	"	F 15 U. S. Inf.	"
Barnes, Oscar O.	"	B 58 Penn. Inf.	"
Baker, William R. H.	"	G 156 Ill. Inf.	"
Blankley, William	"	D 12 Wis. Inf.	"
Bird, Charles	"	C 1 Minn. H. Art.	"
Beaver, David W.	"	H 134 Ohio Inf.	"
Bunce, Rufus O.	"	F 1 Iowa Vet. Cav.	"
Beckhorn, Frederick	"	B 107 N. Y. Inf.	"
Bradshaw, Victor M.	"	B 4 Iowa Inf.	"

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Brown, John B	Co.	G 49 Ohio Inf	Present
Cilley, Isaac		1 Minn. Lgt. Art	"
Cowgill, Latham	"	H 2 Cal. Cav	"
Cronin, Daniel		U. S. Navy	"
Clay, Adolph M	"	C 1 Mont. Inf	"
Clark, Isaac N	"	G 13 U. S. Inf	"
Cannovan, John		3 Iowa Battery	"
Cook, James		U. S. Navy	"
Coon, William H	"	K 132 Penn. Inf	"
Child, Christopher M	"	I 161 N. Y. Inf	"
Collar, Ira (Unassigned)		Penn. Inf.	"
Dutrow, William E	"	C 1 Md. Cav	"
Darcy, Peter		U. S. Navy	"
De Vaney, Michael	"	I 10 N. J. Inf	"
De Shanaway, Lafayette	"	A 144 Ohio Inf	"
Dryden, Charles W	"	C 38 Ind. Inf	"
Dineen, John N	"	E 34 Ohio Inf	"
Dyer, Ichabod (Insane)	"	C 32 Wis. Inf	Absent
Dunn, Frederick	"	H 9 Ill. Cav	Present
Dickson, Walker	"	E 83 Penn. Inf	"
Davis, Irvin F		U. S. Navy	"
Driscoll, Dennis	"	K 18 U. S. Inf	"
Eckelberry, Richard	"	H 1 Va. Inf	Absent
Friend, James C	"	G 7 Iowa Cav	Present
Freeman, Alonzo A	"	B 9 Mich. Cav	"
Fisher, John W	"	H 33 Ind. Inf	"
Frye, George	"	K 1 Mass Hv. Art	"
Goss, Leonard	"	D 45 Ill. Inf	"
Gilmore, Harry	"	M 3 U. S. Cav. (Vol.)	"
Galloway, William	"	I 19 Ill. Inf	"
Gainan, Edward J	"	D 1 Mont. Inf	"
Gould, Edward M	"	C 1 Mont. Inf	"
Green, Leonard (Insane)	"	A 61 Ill. Inf	Absent
Gregg, Elijah K	"	C 59 Ind. Inf	Present
Hall, Abel H	"	F 1 Mont. Inf	"
Hillier, Frederick	"	F 11 N. Y. Cav	"
Hanley, Archibald	"	H 14 Vt. Inf	"
Hartsock, John W	"	H 26 Mich. Inf	"
Hardesty, Henry	"	B 9 Ill. Cav	"
Hullinger, Charles M	"	D 151 Ohio Inf	"
Hughes, James		U. S. Navy	Absent
Hayes, Patrick	"	B 2 Mich. Cav	"
Hertz, Daniel B	"	E 6 Penn. Cav	"
Hanson, Adolphus	"	B 1 Nev. Cav	"
Herriman, Joseph L	"	I 138 Ill. Inf	Present
Johnson, John W	"	B 45 Iowa Inf	"
Johnson, John		U. S. Navy	"
Johnson, Henry C	"	H 45 Ky. Inf	"
Jayne, Timothy	"	H 120 Ind. Inf	"
Kivell, Michael	"	F 3 Wis. Inf	"
Kivell, John	"	B 12 Wis. Inf	"
Kohn, Frank	"	H 7 Vt. Inf	"
Lennon, Thomas J	"	M 2 Mo. Cav	"
Lorenz, Joseph	"	I 1 Mont. Inf	"
Lewis, Theodore	"	H 6 Wis. Inf	"
Littlefield, Joshua M	"	K 1 Maine Cav	"
Lee, Albert	"	D 57 N. Y. Inf	"
Mestas, John	"	A 1 New Mex. Inf	"
Morley, Newton H	"	K 25 Conn. Inf	"
Matthews, Lyman	"	E 9 Minn. Inf	"
Meigs, George P	"	D 23 N. Y. Inf	"

HOSPITAL PARLOR

Mills, John E.	Co.	B 11 Mich. Inf.	Present
Mann, Owen	"	M 11 Kan. Cav.	"
Morgan, Edward F.	"	C 16 Vt. Inf.	Absent
Moody, William	"	H 1 New Mex. Inf.	Present
Marcy, Ephriam B.	"	D 5 Vt. Inf.	"
McCreary, Isaac	"	E 18 Penn. Cav.	"
McFarland, Andrew		U. S. Navy	"
Newell, John B.	"	F 2 Cal. Cav.	"
Nappy, Adrian	"	B 1 Ore. Cav.	"
Needham, Thomas	"	B 26 Ill. Inf.	Absent
Noonan, Robert	"	A 3 R. I. Cav.	Present
Pierce, Windfield S.	"	H 1 Neb. Cav.	"
Parker, William	"	F 2 N. Y. Cav.	"
Putnam, Frederick A.	"	A 10 Mich. Inf.	"
Plume, Davis J.	"	D 2 Bat. Mo. Mil.	"
Reese, George S.	"	D 11 Penn. Inf.	"
Rhoades, Carlton M.	"	I 47 Ind. Inf.	"
Richter, Joseph	"	A 1 P. L. Md. Cav.	"
Reagan, Michael	"	M 31 Maine Inf.	"
Stanton, Oliver (Insane)	"	C 14 U. S. Inf.	Absent
Skinner, William	"	H 57 Ill. Inf.	Present
Sweetland, Levi H.	"	F 141 Ill. Inf.	"
Schoenberger, Anton	"	C 162 N. Y. Inf.	Present
Sperry, John J.	"	H 3 N. Y. Lgt. Art.	"
Smith, John	"	E 14 N. Y. Cav.	"
Spiller, John	"	H 11 Ill. Inf.	Absent
Tanner, John M.	"	E 7 Wis. Inf.	Present
Tully, Brion B.	"	D 69 Ill. Inf.	"
Thomas, George	"	B 182 Ohio Inf.	"
Van Buren, Peter	"	C 1 Ill. Art.	"
Webster, Alvin	"	K 5 Minn. Inf.	"
Wilson, Zacarior	"	A 48 Ill. Inf.	"
Whitcomb, Sylvester J.	"	F 2 Mass. Cav.	"
Young, Charles A.	"	A 1 Mass. H. Art.	Absent

EXHIBIT "A-2"

A Roster of the Female Inmates of the Montana Soldiers' Home, Present and Absent, November 20, 1915.

Ames, Sally, wife of James J. Ames, a member. Admitted April 21, 1905.

Barnes, Anna, wife of Oscar O. Barnes, a member. Admitted Nov. 21, 1911.

Beaver, Mary, wife of David W. Beaver, a member. Admitted Oct. 18, 1914.

Collar, Lucy A., wife of Ira Collar, a member. Admitted Aug. 3, 1905.

Davis, Salem R., wife of Irwin F. Davis, a member. Admitted Aug. 25, 1915.

Friend, Rachel E., wife of James C. Friend, a member. Admitted Oct. 15, 1914.

Gregg, Jane I., wife of Elijah K. Gregg, a member. Admitted Nov. 16, 1914.

Gwyn, Rachel R., widow of Wm. T. Gwyn, deceased. Admitted Nov. 7, 1914.

Harbaugh, Harriet F., widow of Howard C. Harbaugh. Admitted Jan. 6, 1915.

Johnson, Lizzie, wife of John W. Johnson, a member. Admitted April 11, 1915.

Jayne. Patience E., wife of Timothy Jayne, a member. Admitted Oct. 12, 1914.

Littlefield, Rosilla A., wife of J. M. Littlefield. Admitted Jan. 16, 1914.

Morgan, Alice J., wife of E. F. Morgan, a member. Admitted Nov. 27, 1914.

Phillips, Melissa, widow of Enoch Phillips. Admitted May 22, 1911.

Plume, Clara A., wife of David J. Plume, a member. Admitted Aug. 4, 1915.

Trickey, Anna, widow of Wm. Brewster. Admitted Dec. 2, 1914.

Walker, Nancy J., widow of John A. Walker. Admitted Jan. 5, 1915.

Young, Hermia, wife of Chas. A. Young. Admitted Aug. 9, 1915.

During the year one inmate has died, viz. Christina Mitchell, widow of Charles Mitchell, and her remains are interred in the Home cemetery, in Row No. 4, Grave No. 150. Her death occurred on September 11, 1915.

EXHIBIT A-3

Mustered Out, 1915

List of names of Members of the Soldiers' Home that died during the year ending November 30, 1915.

Kearn, Thomas	Co. I, 1 R. I. Inf.	March	31, 1915
Harbaugh, Howard C.	Co. H, 18 Ind. Inf.	April	24, 1915
Lyon, John	Co. F, 46 Iowa Inf.	June	14, 1915
Sible, John	Co. B, 142 Penn. Inf.	June	21, 1915
Boudway, Louis	Co. B, 1 Mich. Eng.	July	8, 1915
Dunham, Edgar R.	Co. B, 18 Penn. Cav.	July	23, 1915
McGilligan, Jos. H.	Co. D, 46 Ill. Inf.	July	23, 1915
Creutzman, William	Co. D, 1 Mo. Lgt. Art.	Aug.	3, 1915
Miller, William J.	Co. K, 15 Kan. Cav.	Aug.	17, 1915
Roberts, George A.	Co. I, 14 Maine Inf.	Oct.	17, 1915
Ehrig, William	Co. D, 2 N. J. Inf.	Oct.	22, 1915
Parker, William H.	Co. B, 3 Cal. Inf.	Nov.	29, 1915

Comrade Boudway died at Billings, Montana, while on leave of absence, and Comrade Creutzman died at the Hospital for the Insane at Warm Springs, Montana. At the request of the relatives of Lewis Howard, who served as private in Co. H, 14 Ky. Inf., and who died in Columbia Falls, Montana, on December 5, 1914, the remains of the deceased comrade were interred in the Home Cemetary. Comrade Howard was not a member of the Home.

EXHIBIT B.

FARM AND GARDEN

1915.

Hay

Oats	15 Tons
Alfalfa	8 Tons
Timothy	17 Tons
Total	40 Tons

Wheat (bushels)	190	Oats (bushels)	1,123
Table Beets (pounds)	3,600	Table Carrots (pounds)	4,880
Stock Beets (pounds)	16,800	Stock Carrots (pounds)	10,400
Potatoes (bushels)	1,125	Onions (bushels)	50
Cabbage (heads)	2,000	Peas (bushels)	12
String Beans (bushels)	8	Sweet Corn (bushels)	10
Parsnips (bushels)	15	Cucumbers (bushels)	8
Turnips (pounds)	3,200	Rutabagas (pounds)	5,600

In addition to the above, a supply of lettuce, radishes and spinach sufficient for the use of the Home during the season, and a liberal supply of small fruits, including strawberries, gooseberries and currants were produced.

All crops yielded abundantly:

Wheat 25½ bushels per acre.

Oats 45¼ bushels per acre.

Potatoes 346 bushels per acre.

EXHIBIT C.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

In his report to the Board of Managers of date February 28, 1915, Commandant Sprague made the following suggestions for the betterment of the Home during the year, but owing to the small amount of money available for our use, it has been found impossible to make more than a beginning on the work:

Complete contract work on lawn, including trimming old trees and setting out new ones.

Providing fire escapes for the Women's Building and Hospital.

Purchase of two-horse binder.

Install boiler in basement of hospital.

Construct one mile of fence.

Grade road to gate. This will necessitate the hauling of 200 loads of gravel, cost about $150.00.

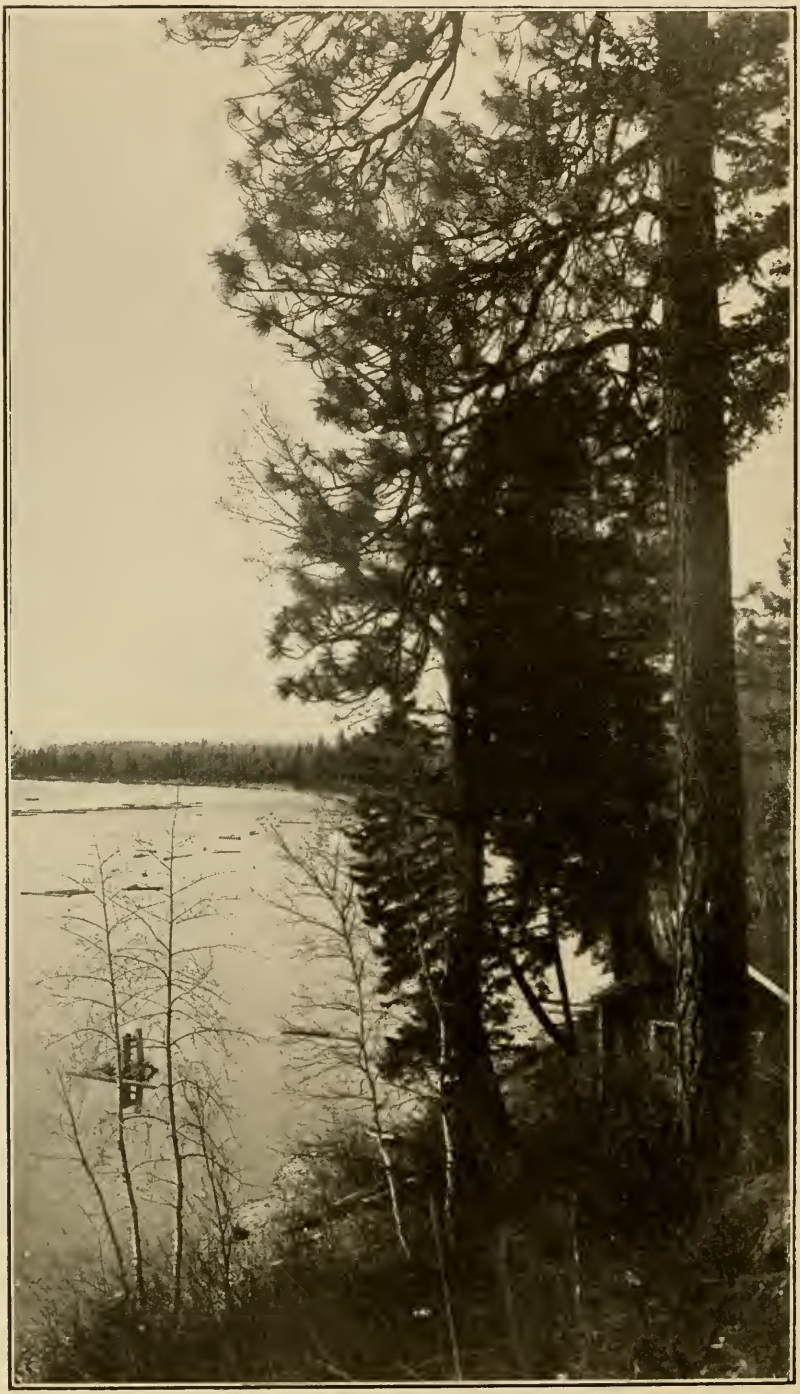
Plastering, Kalsomining, Etc., walls in Main Building, Hospital and Administration Building.

Construct new water tank. The old tank is about all in and may collapse at any time.

Construct concrete curbing from front of Main Building to east side of lawn.

Rubber treads for stairs in Main Building.

New floor in Laundry.



FLATHEAD RIVER—PUMPING STATION

EXHIBIT C-2.

REPORT OF ENGINEER.

Repairs to plumbing to Main Building, Montana Soldiers' Home, needed at once, as present system is in very bad shape:

Two 3-section lavatories, complete, with Empire waste, Fuller Bibs, Etc. (One for each floor)	$170.00
Renewing of piping, drains, waste and vent pipes	100.00
One urinal for first floor, slate or enamelled iron	35.00
Re-setting bath tubs, new taps, etc	25.00
Two enamelled slop sinks at $19.00	38.00
One shower bath, including curtains	60.00
Labor: Plumbing, $75; Carpenter, $40	115.00
Repairs to water closet	25.00
Total	$568.00

For water-proofing floors and wainscoting, or tile floor and Parkersburg Slab—

Material	$600.00
Labor	250.00
Two Bell trap-floor drains	12.00
	$862.00

Water main and service pipe can be left until new tank is put in (if in the future). If not, it had better be put in within one year:

250 feet 1½-inch pipe and extra fittings	$ 55.00
Labor; Excavating	50.00
Labor; Plumbing	15.00
Branch pipes; Material	30.00
Branch pipes; Labor	40.00
Total	$190.00

If the toilet rooms in the Hospital can be put into sanitary condition this coming year, the expense would be:

One shower bath upstairs	$ 60.00
Two urinals (one on each floor)	70.00
Waterproof floors and wainscoting in toilet and bathrooms—about	1,100.00
Total	$1230.00

A new iron trunk sewer will be needed in the near future, but the present one will carry sewerage for the year all right.

If any additional buildings are added to the present heating system, a new steam boiler must be provided to help carry the load.

Referring to the water main, the present system has been in use many years, and through the rusting of the joints, there is an expense of upwards of $80.00 per annum in extra fuel, excavating for repair works, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

C. JOSLIN,
Engineer.

EXHIBIT D.

MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME

Statement of receipts and disbursements during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1915:

Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1914:		
Maintenance Fund		$ 6,704.36
Septic Tank Fund		200.72
Received, U. S. Aid Fund, Dec. 1, 1914		1,850.00
Received, U. S. Aid Fund, Jan. 31, 1915		2,125.00
Received, Rental Fort Maginnis		191.25
		$11,071.33
Vouchers paid December 31, 1914		$ 2,356.12
Vouchers paid January 31, 1915		3,874.63
Vouchers paid February 28, 1915		4,577.82
Unexpended balance, reverts to Treasurer:		
Maintenance Fund	$ 62.04	
Septic Tank Fund	200.72	$262.76
		$11,071.33

EXHIBIT D-2.

Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Beginning March 1, 1915:

Appropriation		$30,000.00
Balance, U. S. Aid Fund		10.10
Allowance, U. S. Aid Fund		2,250.00
Rental, Fort Maginnis		191.25
Allowance, U. S. Aid		1,932.84
Allowance, U. S. Aid		2,125.00
		$36,509.19
Vouchers paid March, 1915		$ 2,418.30
Vouchers paid April, 1915		3,813.50
Vouchers paid May, 1915		2,496.65
Vouchers paid June, 1915		3,888.53
Vouchers paid July, 1915		2,649.04
Vouchers paid August, 1915		2,573.09
Vouchers paid September, 1915		2,550.86
Vouchers paid October, 1915		2,859.42
Vouchers paid November, 1915		2,897.68
Balance on hand December 1, 1915—		
Maintenance Fund	$8,741.97	
U. S. Aid Fund	1,620.15	
		$10,362.12
		$36,509.19

TRIAL BALANCE.

November 30, 1915.

4	State Treasurer	$10,362.12	
13	Maintenance Fund		$ 8,741.97
15	U. S. Aid Fund		1,620.15
35	Farm Produce		698.29
	Cash balance on hand	698.29	
	Bank	152.48	
42	Deceased Members' Account		152.48
		$11,212.89	$11,212.89

CONCLUSION.

In submitting this report, we only state the facts as they exist, without recommendation.

We will, in the future, as in the past, endeavor to meet conditions as they may occur, and do what to us may seem best, keeping in view at all times, safety and economy.

Very respectfully,

AL INGRAHAM, President,
MARTIN MAGINNIS,
DR. W. H. CAMPBELL,
JAMES R. GOSS,
CHARLES S. WARREN,

Board of Managers Montana Soldiers' Home.

Columbia Falls, Montana, December 1, 1915.

ATTEST: A True Copy:

CHARLES S. WARREN,

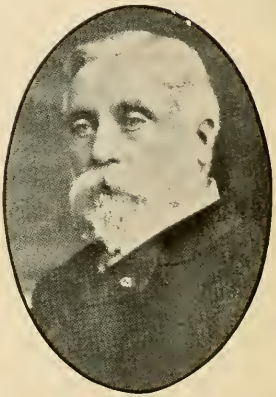
Secretary, Board of Managers, Montana Soldiers' Home.

G. I. REICHE
G. A. R. Member

ARTHUR MORROW
M. D.

HON. CHARLES S. WARREN
Secretary

AL. INGRAHAM
President



HON. MARTIN MAGINNIS

W. H. CAMPBELL, M. D.

Board of Managers, 1916

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

DECEMBER 1, 1915 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1916

Columbia Falls, Montana,
November 30, 1916.

To His Excellency,
Hon. Samuel V. Stewart,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

As required by law, the Board of Managers of the Montana Soldiers' Home beg to submit the following report of the affairs of the institution for the twelve (12) months ending the date hereof:

POPULATION.

On December 1, 1915, there were 99 members present and 13 absent, making a total of 112 members. During the year 22 have been admitted and 14 have been re-admitted. Eighteen members have been discharged, 11 have died and the names of 17 have been dropped from the roll. The membership on this date is 102 with 89 present and 13 absent. During the year 77 members have been granted leave of absence and 77 have returned from furlough.

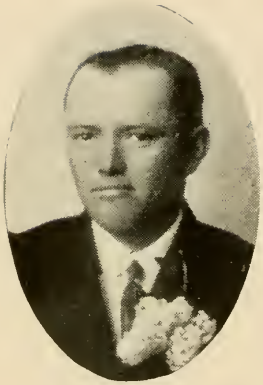
During the term the health of the members has been very good indeed, age and other conditions considered, and while smallpox has been present in Columbia Falls, no contagious or infectious disease has appeared among the inhabitants.

The conduct and deportment of all may be commended. The actions of probably ten per cent, due to the excessive use of intoxicating liquor, naturally reflects upon the remainder, who are inclined to be decently sober, self-respecting men.

A roster of the members and inmates, and of those who have died during the year, follows:

NAME—		COMMAND—	REMARKS
Ames, James J.	B	58 Penn. Inf.	Present
Adamson, Ferdinand	G	7 Iowa Cav.	Present
Axtell, John S.	E	6 Mich. Cav.	Present
Akers, William	A	154 N. Y. Inf.	Present
Adams, Rusling A.	I	148 Penn. Inf.	Present
Boyle, John	F	16 U. S. Inf.	Present
Burkman, John	K	5 Mo. Inf.	Absent
Bailey, Mark W.	A	1 Maine Cav.	Present
Bessette, Damas	K	36 Wis. Inf.	Present
Barnes, Oscar O.	B	58 Penn. Inf.	Present
Bramberger, Jonathan	F	10 Mo. Cav.	Present
Baker, William H.	G	156 Ill. Inf.	Present
Blankley, William	D	14 Wis. Inf.	Present
Bunce, Rufus O.	F	1 Iowa Vet. Cav.	Present
Bradshaw, Victor M.	B	4 Iowa Inf.	Absent
Brown, John B.	G	49 Ohio Inf.	Present
Bond, John C.	M	3 U. S. Vol. Cav.	Present
Brundage, James		8 Bat. Wis. Lgt. Art.	Present
Carberry, John	H	81 N. Y. Inf.	Present
Cilley, Isaac		1 Minn. Lgt. Art.	Present

JOHN T. ROBINSON
M. D.



ROY W. ALLEN
Engineer

P. W. SHEEHY
Commandant

JOHN S. AXTELL
Adjutant

MRS. JULIA W. SHEEHY
Matron

REV. ARTHUR W. SMITH
Chaplain

Officers for 1916

NAME—		COMMAND—	REMARKS—
Cowgill, Latham	H	2 Cal. Cav.	Present
Cronin, Daniel		U. S. Navy	Present
Clay, Adolph M.	F	1 Mont. Inf.	Present
Clark, Isaac N.	G	13 U. S. Inf.	Present
Connovan, John		3 Iowa Bat. Lgt. Art.	Present
Cook, James		U. S. Navy	Present
Chilson, Albert		4 Ind. Bat. Iowa Lgt. Art.	Present
Collar, Ira		Unassigned Rec. Penn. Inf. N.	Present
Child, Christopher M.	I	161 N. Y. Inf.	Present
Clair, James	E	95 N. Y. Inf.	Absent
Clement, James	E	1 Main Cav.	Absent
Chattin, Henry		U. S. Navy	Present
Cooley, Robert B.	L	1 Mich. Lgt. Art.	Present
Darcy, Peter		U. S. Navy	Present
DeVaney, Michael	I	10 N. Y. Inf.	Present
DeShanaway, Lafayette	A	14 Ohio Inf.	Present
Dryden, Charles W.	C	38 Ind. Inf.	Present
Dunn, Frederick P.	H	9 Ill. Cav.	Present
Dickson, Walker	E	82 Penn. Inf.	Present
Davis, Irvin F.		U. S. Landsman	Present
Driscoll, Dennis	K	18 U. S. Inf. (Ind. Wars)	Present
Dinneen, John N.	E	34 Ohio Inf.	Present
Fisher, John W.	E	85 Ind. Inf.	Present
Frye, George	K	1 Mass. Heavy Art.	Present
Forsythe, Jacob L.	G	10 Wis. Inf.	Present
Fox, Charles	K	19 Iowa Inf.	Present
Goss, Leonard	D	45 Ill. Inf.	Present
Gilmore, Harry	M	3 U. S. Vol. Cav.	Present
Gainan, Edward J.	D	1 Mont. Inf.	Present
Gould, Edward M.	C	1 Mont. Inf.	Present
Gregg, Elijah K.	C	59 Ind. Inf.	Present
Hoffman, Louis F.	G	1 Mont. Inf.	Present
Hathaway, Marshall D.	G	4 Mass. Militia Inf.	Present
Hall, Abel H.	F	1 Mont. Inf.	Present
Hanley, Archibald	H	14 Vt. Inf.	Present
Herriman, Joseph L.	I	139 Ill. Inf.	Absent
Hardesty, Henry	B	9 Ill. Cav.	Present
Hartsock, John W.	H	26 Mich. Inf.	Present
Hayes, Patrick	B	2 Mich. Cav.	Present
Hulliger, Charles M.	D	151 Ohio Inf.	Absent
Hutchinson, Hector W.	D	22 Ill. Inf.	Absent
Harris, Edson		Hatch Bat. Minn. Cav.	Present
Johnson, John W.	B	45 Iowa Inf.	Present
Jayne, Timothy	H	120 Ind. Inf.	Present
Kivel, John	B	12 Wis. Inf.	Absent
Kohn, Frank	H	7 Vt. Inf.	Present
Lennon, Thomas J.	M	2 Mo. Vet. Cav.	Present
Lorenz, Joseph	L	1 Mont. Inf.	Present
Lewis, Theodore	C	6 Wis. Inf.	Present
Littlefield, Joshua M.	K	1 Maine Cav.	Present
Lee, Albert	D	67 N. Y. Inf.	Present
Mestas, John	A	1 New Mex. Militia Inf.	Present
Morley, Newton H.	K	25 Conn. Inf.	Present
Matthews, Lyman	E	9 Minn. Inf.	Present
Meigs, George P.	D	23 N. Y. Inf.	Present
Mills, John E.	B	11 Mich. Inf.	Present
Mann, Owen	M	11 Kan. Cav.	Present
Moody, William	H	1 N. M. Ter. Vol. Inf.	Present
Moses, Francis S.	M	2 N. Y. Art.	Present
Mallory, Charles G. M.	F	11 Conn. Vol.	Present

LIBRARY

NAME—		COMMAND—	REMARKS—
McCauley, John	B	20 Wis. Inf.	Absent
Newell, John B.	F	2 Cal. Cav.	Present
Needham, Thomas	B	26 Ill. Inf.	Absent
Ott, George W.	L	21 Kan. Inf.	Present
Pierce, Winfield S.	H	1 Neb. Cav.	Present
Parker, William	F	2 N. Y. Cav.	Present
Putnam, Frederick A.	A	10 Mich. Inf.	Present
Reese, George S.	D	1 Penn. Inf.	Present
Rhoades, Carleton M.	I	47 Ind. Inf.	Present
Spiller, John	H	11 Ill. Inf.	Present
Skinner, William	H	57 Ill. Inf.	Present
Sweetland, Levi H.	F	141 Ill. Inf.	Present
Schoenberger, Anton	C	162 N. Y. Inf.	Present
Sperry, John J.	H	3 N. Y. Lgt. Art.	Absent
Slutts, Joshua	I	1 Neb. Cav.	Absent
Tanner, John M.	E	7 Wis. Inf.	Absent
Van Buren, Peter	C	1 Ill. Art.	Present
Videtts, William	I	108 U. S. Col. Inf.	Present
Webster, Alvin	K	5 Minn. Inf.	Present
Wilson, Zacarior	A	84 Ill. Inf.	Present
Whitcomb, Sylvester J.	F	2 Mass. Cav.	Present
Woodward, John	G	6 Ill. Cav.	Present

A roster of the inmates of the Montana Soldiers' Home, present and absent, on November 30, 1916:

Ames, Sallie	Wife	April 21, 1905	Present
Barnes, Anna	Wife	Nov. 21, 1911	Present
Boyle, Mary E.	Wife	July 27, 1916	Present
Baker, Ada	Widow	Sept. 14, 1916	Present
Collar, Lucy A.	Wife	July 20, 1914	Present
Cooley, Mary E.	Wife	Oct. 7, 1916	Present
Davis, Selma R.	Wife	Aug. 25, 1915	Present
Friend, Rachel E.	Widow	Oct. 15, 1914	Absent
Gwyn, Rachel R.	Widow	Nov. 7, 1914	Absent
Hutchinson, Kate	Wife	May 9, 1916	Absent
Harbaugh, Harriet	Widow	July 6, 1915	Present
Johnson, Lizzie	Wife	April 10, 1915	Present
Jayne, Patience E.	Wife	Oct. 12, 1914	Present
Littlefield, Rosilla F.	Wife	Jan. 6, 1914	Present
Moses, Alice A.	Wife	Aug. 8, 1916	Present
Phillips, Melissa	Widow	May 22, 1911	Present
Sparks, Elizabeth A.	Widow	Aug. 17, 1916	Present
Thompson, Sadie	Widow	Sept. 29, 1916	Present
Trickey, Annie	Widow	Dec. 2, 1914	Absent
Walker, Nancy J.	Widow	Jan. 5, 1915	Present
Woodward, Alice A.	Wife	July 14, 1916	Present

Jefferson, Thomas ..... Indian War, Nov. 9, 1915 ..... Present

SOLDIERS' HOME CEMETERY

Mustered Out, 1916

List of names of Members of the Soldiers' Home that died during the year ending November 30, 1916.

Stanton, Oliver	Co. C, 14 U. S. Inf.	Dec.	2, 1915
	(At Asylum, Warm Springs)		
Kivel, Michael	Co. F, 3 Wis. Cav.	Dec.	11, 1915
Green, Leonard	Co. A, 61 Ill. Inf.	Dec.	20, 1915
	(At Asylum, Warm Springs)		
Johnson, John	Co. — U. S. Navy	Feb.	26, 1916
Freind, James C.	Co. G, 7 Iowa Cav.	April	6, 1916
Hillier, Frederick	Co. F, 11 N. Y. Cav.	March	10, 1916
Nappy, Adrian	Co. B, I Ore. Cav.	July	7, 1916
Bird, Charles	Co. C, 1 Maine H. A.	July	11, 1916
Sweeney, Benjamin	Co. A, 7 Ill. Inf.	Aug.	15, 1916
Thomas, George	Co. B, 182 Ohio Inf.	Sept.	19, 1916
Marcy, Ephriam B.	Co. D, 5 Vt. Inf.	Sept.	25, 1916

In addition, former members of the Home have died during the year as follows:

Crabtree, John G.	At Topponish, Wash.
Parker, James M.	At Missoula, Mont.
Gallaway, William	At Warm Springs, Mont.
Eckelberry, Richard	At Home of His Daughter on East Side of the River.

It is necessary to record the death of one inmate, Jane I. Gregg, wife of Elijah K. Gregg, at Kalispell, Montana, June 24, 1916.

WOMEN'S BUILDING—LOOKING SOUTHWEST

SUMMARY

Whole number of members	528
Civil War	472
Cuban War	43
Mexican War	10
Indian Wars	3
	528

At the present time there are 9 Spanish-American veterans, two Indian War veterans and 91 veterans of the Civil War cared for.

The total population of the Home on this date is:

Members	102
Inmates	22
Civilian Employees	20
	144

All except two (2) of this number are maintained at the Home.

INSPECTION

The semi-annual Federal inspections of the Home were made in May and October by Colonels Miller and Marshall respectively. During his sojourn at the Home, Col. Marshall visited every building and nearly every room. He inquired into the conditions and management exhaustively, and before leaving declared: "That all members whose names appeared on the muster roll were entitled to U. S. Aid; that the quarters seemed to be well kept, the clothing comfortable, the food of good quality, and well cooked and served." He remarked the entire absence of opportunity for innocent and attractive amusement for the members, inmates and employees, and the difficulties under which religious services, funerals and other gatherings were held. All National and State Homes recognize the fact, said he, that amusement in the form of billiards and pool, motion pictures, bowling alleys, etc., have a tendency to keep the members at the Home and away from places where intoxicants are sold as a beverage, and thus reduce the number who are inclined to dissipate.

CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS

During the year a small refrigerator has been constructed at a cost of $483.85, and thus has been provided means for handling and caring for fresh meats and meat products economically and with greater ease. The erection of another small building has been ordered in which to house the two hose reels, ladders and all fire-fighting apparatus.

Repairs to and changes in the plumbing, particularly in the Main Building, have been made during the year. This building was erected twenty years ago and has been used and occupied continuously.

When Col. Marshall inspected the Home two years ago, he remarked that the sewerage was faulty and its condition was a menace to the health of the members quartered therein.

WOMEN'S BUILDING—LOOKING NORTHWEST

ASSEMBLY ROOM

As remarked in a former report to Your Excellency, this institution has never been supplied with an assembly room, amusement hall, or other place to hold religious services, funerals, lectures, or entertainments of any kind whatever. Since the Home was opened, all public gatherings have been held in the library, and in order that all who attend might be seated it has been necessary to carry chairs back and forth from the dining room. We believe such a hall should be provided and we therefore respectfully recommend and urge that a proper building be constructed, the basement and first floor of which should be used as an assembly room, reception hall, etc., and the upper or second story to be finished and furnished as a dormitory for the exclusive use of the civilian employes. At the present time, owing to the crowded condition of the home the male and female help are quartered promiscuously in all four buildings. The construction of the building mentioned would quarter all these together, as they should be, and the rooms vacated by them could be used for the members and inmates. Ten thousand dollars will be required to construct and furnish and equip the said building.

With our annual report for the year 1915 was incorporated the report of the Engineer of the Home, Mr. Charles F. Joslin. In this he made suggestions and recommendations for the betterment of the industries in his department, and these were carried out during the present year. Following is the report of Mr. Joslin for the year ending October 31, 1916:

To the Board of Managers,
Columbia Falls, Montana.

Gentlemen:—

Owing to the delay in getting material, work upon the repairs to the Main Building could not be started until late in the summer. The basins or lavatories, urinals, closets and slop sinks were set. There was more delay in getting the urinals ready for use, on account of failure to get a mason to put in floor slabs. Having first depended upon the labor of the Old Soldiers, was finally compelled to hire an outside man, after waiting considerable time—the Commandant desiring to use the labor of Members wherever it was possible.

During the press of my work, was unable to do as much work on these repairs as I expected. The Laundry, now running three days a week, and so many small repairs to make, took up considerable time in addition to my duties firing the heating plant and pumping.

As there was at least one more closet needed upon the first floor, I put in, with the Commandant's consent, a toilet room down in the basement with one closet and a urinal to serve the Smoking Room and to relieve the congestion upstairs. This was arranged so it could be kept clean and sanitary, cement floors and wainscoting.

The new grease trap was a menace to health. We built a new one outside and connected the vent with the stack inside of the building. This will do away with the disagreeable odors. Owing to the shallowness of the trap in the floor drain it may be necessary to cement up a drip with that, or a rubber seal. All other floor drains should be flushed or filled at least once a day, and I so explained to Janitors, in order to keep water seals intact, thus keeping odors out of the buildings.

In regard to shower in the Main Building. There was not room to install it on the first floor and the water pressure was not sufficient to operate it on the second floor. And as Capt. Sheehy opposed putting it in the basement toilet room, it was not installed.

DINING ROOM—WOMEN'S BUILDING

Kitchen sink was installed in the Main Building, but while sanitary, and far ahead of the one taken out, it was not altogether satisfactory because of its small size. Where so many people are fed there should be a regular scullery sink to wash dishes in and a large slop sink to wash vegetables in. But owing to the size of the present kitchen there is no room for either. But having an eye to the future when there will be very likely an addition to the Main Building, thus enlarging the dining room and kitchen, there will be room then to install the proper fixtures. The scullery sink is usually installed in the room so that the dishes can be handled in metal trays and is accessible from all sides. I purchased as large a sink as I could get in one piece and one that is adapted for use as a pantry sink, when changes are made. Would also recommend that at that time the closet in use at present by kitchen and dining room employes be opened up into the main toilet room, where it is badly needed, and a toilet room built in the new part for women employes.

Work authorized in the Bakery was completed, including bath, water closet, and steam radiator to heat toilet room, water connections, etc. The expense was rather high, owing to the long connections and the necessity of getting proper grade for steam and sewer pipes.

Was delayed in getting shower bath for hospital, but arranged for installing same with exception of floor slabs, putting in additional light and ventilation shaft to carry off the light odors and gases from water closets. I delayed installing fixtures in the Main Building toilet room in basement until the Hospital shower should arrive, as I was busy catching up loose ends for winter, and intended to hire a plumber and put this work in when all material should arrive.

Mains and piping in all buildings in good shape. Boiler A1 and all machinery in good shape. Intended packing large pump for winter, but did not get to it. Wooden boxes carrying heating mains caving in where going out of Laundry. Recommend that it be dug up and new planks put in. A cement-built tunnel would be a good thing to replace wooden boxes with. It would carry the heating, mains and returns, the water-pipe service to each building and could be arranged to carry the sewer lines if desired. The pipe lines would be accessible for repairs and there would be small chance of their getting out of order in such a duct. That is one reason that I did not put in the new service pipe this summer. Would recommend that the farm line and fire hydrants be covered with straw this fall to avoid freezing and that your Engineer be instructed to drain pumps, boiler, etc., to avoid trouble.

I am sorry to hear that you have not seen fit to hire an Engineer, as the place is not properly protected without one.

In explanation of my action in leaving the position, will say that I gave 30 days' notice, and that I have no grievance, except that the hours were too long: 5 a. m. to 9 p. m.,—16 hours—in an 8-hour State.

As I am not now in your employ, I can say without being thought mercenary, that as long as you are employing a night watchman you should employ a man holding a third-class license, at least, to do the firing from 7 p. m to 6 a. m., thus relieving the Engineer from some of the work and shortening the hours, and unless I am greatly mistaken, $45 to $50 per month will hire a good man.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) CHARLES JOSLIN.

If there is anything further or any explanation wanted of work done, No. 11 Fernwell, Kalispell, Mont., will reach me.

Report of the Hospital Steward of the Montana Soldiers' Home for the year ending November 30, 1916:

Number of beds (for use of members)				35
Number of members, Dec. 1, 1916		30		
Admitted during year	15			
Returned from furlough	15			
Transferred	16	46	76	
Total	46		76	

On furlough	26	
Discharged	6	
Transferred	9	
Deceased	9	
	—	50
Total	50	26

Number of members present Nov. 30, 1916	26
Special calls for physician	20
Special call for Steward	56
On special diet (served with trays)	102
Inspection: Each Sunday 9 a. m.	
Number of visitors admitted	206
Meals served to visitors	21

REMARKS:—Many of the calls for the Steward were made in the night time. Two former members of the Hospital died at the Hospital for the Insane at Warm Springs, Montana.

Statement of receipts and disbursements of the Montana Soldiers' Home for the year ending November 30, 1916.

RECEIPTS

Balance December 1, 1915	$10,362.12
Appropriation	30,000.00
U. S. Aid	2,425.00
U. S. Aid	2,575.00
U. S. Aid	2,275.00
Rental, Fort Maginnis	191.25
U. S. Aid	1,975.00
	$49,803.37

DISBURSEMENTS

Vouchers paid Dec. 1915		$ 3,744.63
Vouchers paid Jan 1916		2,875.48
Vouchers paid Feb. 1916		3,733.26
Vouchers paid Mar. 1916		2,558.37
Vouchers paid Apr. 1916		3,083.53
Vouchers paid May 1916		2,710.23
Vouchers paid June 1916		2,246.79
Vouchers paid July 1916		3,008.42
Vouchers paid Aug. 1916		3,355.10
Vouchers paid Sept. 1916		2,744.97
Vouchers paid Oct. 1916		3,283.00
Balance Dec. 1, 1916:		
Maintenance Fund	$13,256.07	
U. S. Aid Fund	3,203.52	
		$16,459.59
		$49,803.37

Vouchers and payroll for November, 1916, value $2,995.29, not included in above statement.

FARM AND GARDEN.

Products of the Farm and Garden, raised and stored for winter use at the Montana Soldiers' Home, during the year 1916:

Hay:

Barley	21 tons
Timothy	11 tons
Alfalfa	5 tons
Clover	4 tons
Total	41 tons

Wheat	270 bushels	Oats	781 bushels
Rutabagas	12,970 pounds	Table Carrots	11,760 pounds
Turnips	5,860 pounds	Stock Beets	8,060 pounds
Onions	50 bushels	Table Beets	6,070 pounds
Cabbage	2,000 hds.	Apples	25 bushels
Potatoes	1,100 bushels	Green Peas	15 bushels
Green Beans	5 bushels	Green Corn	15 bushels
Parsnips	15 bushels	Summer Squash	10 bushels

An abundance of lettuce, radishes and spinach and some cucumbers and small fruits were also produced and used during the season.

LAUNDRY AND WATER TANK

The estimate of the sums of money required for the use of the Montana Soldiers' Home for the ensuing fiscal years beginning March 1, 1917, and ending February 28, 1919, is as follows, and the Secretary of the Board of Managers is instructed to include this in his forthcoming report to the Governor:

	1917	1918	Total
Current expenses	$ 4,500.00	$ 4,500.00	$ 9,000.00
Subsistence	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
Clothing	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
Hospital	4,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00
Employees	7,500.00	7,500.00	15,000.00
Household	5,000.00	3,500.00	8,500.00
Construction	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
Farm	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
Repairs	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
Steel Water Tank	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Concrete Sidewalks	2,000.00	.....	2,000.00
Totals	$45,000.00	$40,500.00	$85,500.00
Less U. S. Aid	7,500.00	7,500.00	15,000.00
	$37,500.00	$33,000.00	$70,500.00

The wonderful growth of the State in population during the last three years has filled the Home to its capacity. There are a number of worthy comrades and widows now on the waiting list. Additional quarters should be provided for these deserving people.

In view of the fact that the members of the Home are reaching an advanced age where very few, if any, of them can perform manual labor and therefore, cannot be employed at the Home, it will be necessary to employ outside help and provide suitable quarters for them. This seems to be imperative.

The male and female employes, wives and widows of veterans are not rated as members of the Home. Their names as such are not included in the report made to the President of the Board of Managers of D. V. S. at New York, because none are entitled to U. S. Aid.

We suggest that a change be made in the law regulating the admission of members of the Home. Under the law, the mothers of veteran members are not admitted to the Home, and we suggest that the law be changed so as to admit them.

We also suggest that the law be changed defining clearly those to be admitted. We do not approve of the admission of capitalists to the Home, or those who are amply able to provide for themselves.

Very respectfully submitted,

AL INGRAHAM, President.
CHARLES S. WARREN, Secretary.
MARTIN MAGINNIS, Member.
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ATTEST:
CHARLES S. WARREN, Secretary.

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Christmas, December 25th, 1916

Roast Turkey Dressing Giblet Gravy
Cranberry Sauce Baked Sweet Potato
Green Peas Mashed Potatoes
Celery
White Bread Graham Bread
Sweet Pickled Beets Sour Pickles
Assorted Fresh Fruit
Mince Pie Cheese Pumpkin Pie
Assorted Cake Home Made Candy
Creamery Butter
Coffee Tea Milk

Christmas Eve Entertainment

In Parlors of Women's Building, Dec. 24, 1916,
at 7 o'clock p. m.

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Dillon Tribune	Weekly	Dillon	"
Great Falls Leader	Daily	Great Falls	"
Havre Plaindealer	Weekly	Havre	"
Helena Progressive	Weekly	Helena	"
Helena Record	Daily	Helena	"
Kalispell Bee	Semi-W'kly	Kalispell	"
Kalispell Journal	Weekly	Kalispell	"
Lewistown Argus	Weekly	Lewistown	"
Missoulian	Daily	Missoula	"
River Press	Weekly	Fort Benton	"
Rocky Mountain Husbandman	Weekly	Great Falls	"
Silver State	Weekly	Deer Lodge	"
Whitefish Pilot	Weekly	Whitefish	"

The Board of Managers desire to thank the publishers, one and all, for the above papers, as every paper in the above list is appreciated by everyone at the Home.

In the event that we have overlooked any of the contributors in the list of publications received by the Home, we desire to apologize for the oversight and should any publisher desire one or more of these reports, the same will be gladly furnished by addressing Mr. John S. Axtell, Adjutant, Columbia Falls, Mont.

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